
ENGROSSED SENATE BILL 5714

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By Senators Tom, Jarrett, and Shin

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1 AN ACT Relating to conditional funding for teachers to pursue
2 national board for professional teaching standards certification;
3 amending RCW 28A.405.415; adding a new section to chapter 28A.410 RCW;
4 and creating a new section.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

6 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 1.** The legislature finds and declares:

7 (1) The national board for professional teaching standards has
8 established high and rigorous standards for what highly accomplished
9 teachers should know and be able to do in order to increase students'
10 learning results;

11 (2) The national board certifies teachers who meet these standards
12 through a rigorous, performance-based assessment process;

13 (3) A certificate awarded by the national board attests that a
14 teacher has met high and rigorous standards and has demonstrated the
15 ability to make sound professional judgments about how to best meet
16 students' learning needs and effectively help students meet challenging
17 academic standards; and

18 (4) Teachers who pursue national board certification should receive

1 funding assistance in order to encourage more teachers to pursue
2 certification for the benefit of Washington students.

3 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 2.** A new section is added to chapter 28A.410
4 RCW to read as follows:

5 (1) Certificated instructional staff who have met the eligibility
6 requirements and have applied for certification from the national board
7 for professional teaching standards shall receive a conditional two
8 thousand dollars or the amount set by the office of the superintendent
9 of public instruction to reflect the current assessment fee, not
10 including the initial up-front candidacy payment. The fee shall be an
11 advance on the first annual bonus under RCW 28A.405.415. The
12 assessment fee for national certification is provided in addition to
13 compensation received under a district's salary schedule adopted in
14 accordance with RCW 28A.405.200 and shall not be included in
15 calculations of a district's average salary and associated salary
16 limitation under RCW 28A.400.200.

17 (2) Recipients who fail to receive certification after three years
18 are required to repay the assessment fee, not including the initial up-
19 front candidacy payment, as set by the national board for professional
20 teaching standards and administered by the office of the superintendent
21 of public instruction. The office of the superintendent of public
22 instruction shall adopt rules to define the terms for initial grant of
23 the assessment fee and repayment, including applicable fees.

24 **Sec. 3.** RCW 28A.405.415 and 2008 c 175 s 2 are each amended to
25 read as follows:

26 (1)(a) Except as provided in section 2 of this act, certificated
27 instructional staff who have attained certification from the national
28 board for professional teaching standards shall receive a bonus each
29 year in which they maintain the certification. The bonus shall be
30 calculated as follows: The annual bonus shall be five thousand dollars
31 in the 2007-08 school year. Thereafter, the annual bonus shall
32 increase by inflation.

33 (b) Certificated instructional staff who receive an advance under
34 section 2 of this act shall receive the remainder of their first annual
35 bonus during the first year they are eligible for the bonus under this
36 section.

1 (2) Certificated instructional staff who have attained
2 certification from the national board for professional teaching
3 standards shall be eligible for bonuses in addition to that provided by
4 subsection (1) of this section if the individual is in an instructional
5 assignment in a school in which at least seventy percent of the
6 students qualify for the free and reduced-price lunch program.

7 (3) The amount of the additional bonus under subsection (2) of this
8 section for those meeting the qualifications of subsection (2) of this
9 section is five thousand dollars.

10 (4) The bonuses provided under this section are in addition to
11 compensation received under a district's salary schedule adopted in
12 accordance with RCW 28A.405.200 and shall not be included in
13 calculations of a district's average salary and associated salary
14 limitations under RCW 28A.400.200.

15 (5) Except for an advance received under section 2 of this act, the
16 bonuses provided under this section shall be paid in a lump sum amount.

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